THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU

Wednesday, the 4th day of July,2007

W.P.No.11325 of 2002

Between:-

Mohd. Edris … Petitioner

and

The Managing Director,
Hyderabad Metropolitan Water
Supply and Sewerage Board,
Central Revenue Department,
6th Floor, Progressive Towers,
Hyderabad and others … Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed seeking a Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in issuing demand notice under Bill No.973124868, dated 13-6-2002 for an amount of Rs.7,576.50 ps towards water consumption charges for the period between November,2001 and May,2002 i.e. for seven months at a stretch, without disposing of the representation of the petitioner dated 7-6-2002 as arbitrary and illegal.

The only grievance of the petitioner is that he had paid all the dues against water consumption charges for the premises No.9-4-62/137, Toli Chowk, Hyderabad. In spite of that, the impugned demand notice was issued. In fact, on 7-6-2002 he made a representation seeking to rectify the defects in the demand notice dated 8-4-2002; but, the respondents without disposing of the said representation, have adopted coercive steps for recovery of the amount and issued the impugned notice. While admitting the Writ Petition, this Court granted interim stay as prayed for on 26-6-2002 and the said order is still subsisting.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on merits, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondents to consider the representation purported to have been made by the petitioner on 7-6-2002 and pass appropriate orders, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and communicate the same to the petitioner. Till such time, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner for recovery of the amount under the impugned demand notice dated 13-6-2002.

With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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